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SUBJECT : COMMUNIST-SOCIALIST CONFRONTATION IN SAINT-
PRIEST MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT-PRIEST , AN IMPORTANT
INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY WITHIN THE LYON METROPOLITAN
AREA, A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION HAS TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN
LOUIS GIREAU, THE NEWLY ELECTED SOCIALIST MAYOR,
AND HIS COMMUNIST DEPUTIES ON THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.
THE CRISIS WAS CAUSED BY THE REFUSAL OF THE COMMUNISTS
TO VOTE THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET, WHICH GIREAU
PROPOSED WITH THE FULL BACKING OF ALL THE SOCIALISTS
ON THE COUNCIL.

SOCIALIST LEADERS SUCH AS CHARLES HERNU, NOW MAYOR
OF VILLEURBANNE, AND GASTON DEFERRE OF MARSEILLE
ARE PARTICULARLY UPSET BY THIS INCIDENT OF NON-
COOPERATION BY ELECTED COMMUNIST OFFICIALS.
DEFERRE DECLARED WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE THIS MATTER
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UP AT THE HIGHEST PARTY LEVELS AT THE NEXT SUMMIT
OF THE LEFT, MAY 17TH . HERNU HAS ADVISED MITTERAND
OF THE REFUSAL OF OUR COMMUNIST PARTNERS TO UPHOLD
THE AGREEMENT OF JUNE 28. THIS AGREEMENT PROJECTED
SOLIDARITY IN MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT, CONSIDERED
INDISPENSABLE FOR THE COMMON PROGRAM S PUBLIC
CREDIBILITY. ANOTHER INFLUENTIAL SOCIALIST, LOUIS

MERMAZ, MAYOR OF VIENNE, QUALIFIED THE SAINT-PRIEST CRISIS AS A VERY GRAVE VIOLATION OF THE PACT ENTERED INTO BY THE THREE SIGNATORY PARTIES OF THE COMMON PROGRAM OF THE LEFT. MERMAZ RECOMMENDED THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY ASK THE MAYORS OF MUNICIPALITIES WHERE SUCH PROBLEMS ARISE TO WITHDRAW DEPUTY-MAYOR STATUS AND DELEGATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY FROM THEIR COMMUNIST DEPUTIES.

MAY 3RD, MAYOR GIREAU WITHDREW SUCH DELEGATION OF POWER FROM HIS COMMUNIST DEPUTIES WHO THEREBY LOST THEIR STATUS AND WERE REDUCED TO PLAIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERSM.
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